

committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. We are now back to the bill, Mr. Clerk, are we? Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, LB 572 was introduced last session. The bill was held in committee while the proponents' proposal was heard by the Technical Review Committee under the auspices of the Department of Health pursuant to LB 407 which was passed last year. The Review Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend practice by the dental hygienists under general supervision and the monitoring of nitrous oxide under indirect supervision. Dr. Wright also recommended permitting general supervision and the monitoring of nitrous oxide. These recommendations were adopted by the Health Committee and are contained in the committee amendments. Let me repeat, these recommendations have been approved unanimously by the Technical Review Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee as well as by Dr. Wright. I ask you to advance the bill as amended by the committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, I would again like to commend Senator Marsh, the dentists and the dental hygienists for their work on this bill. It may not seem like much to you at this point because everybody is fairly happy with the situation as it presently exists with this bill. But this has been a torturous issue that has been through this Legislature many a time and has been very upsetting to dental hygienists and a number of other people, including myself as a member of the committee having to deal with it. And I can tell you that I, for one, am very pleased with the 407 process which you have helped us get in place last spring which was quickly enacted and passed and utilized, helped to bring together different competing interests on this and a number of other issues which you will hear about in the next few weeks. I think it is an example of where by sitting down with people in a reasonable fashion we can come to a reasonable agreement and I am very pleased that LB 572 has been worked out and others will be as well through that process. I, again, would urge your support for advancement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.